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SUBJECT: OAS: FIFTH INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS
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1. GOM DELEGATION TO SUBJECT MINISTERS' MEETING IN GUATEMALA EXPECTED TO BE LED BY CARLOS GALVEZ BETANCOURT, GOM SECRETARY OF LABOR. SECRETARY GALVEZ WAS BORN IN 1921, GRADUATED FROM NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO (UNAM) LAW SCHOOL IN 1945, TAUGHT THE SCIENCES OF PEDAGOGY AND LOGIC, WAS MEMBER OF LAW FACULTY AT UNAM, WORKED IN SECRETARIAT OF GOVERNMENT FOR TEN YEARS BEGINNING 1958, THE LAST THREE UNDER PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA, SERVED AS GOVERNOR OF MICHOACAN FOR ONE YEAR, THEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SECURITY IN 1969 AND RECENTLY, SEPTEMBER 1975 , WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF LABOR. GALVEZ HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR. HE DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. HE WAS ONE OF THE SIX "PRE-CANDIDATES" IN THE RACE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF THE GOVERNING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

2. ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY GALVEZ MAY BE THE FOLLOWING:
LIC. DANIEL MURAYAMA, DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES;
SENATOR ALFONSO SANCHEZ MADRIAGA, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OF CONFEDERATION OF MEXICAN
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WORKERS; LIC. RICARDO VLERO, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS AND AFFAIRS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF LABOR AND ALSO THE SECRETARIAT OF LABOR'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GOM INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON MIGRANT WORKERS. PERHAPS ANOTHER TRADEUNION LEADER, AN OFFICIAL OF AN EMPLOYER ASSOCIATION AND TWO ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT STAFF PEOPLE WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY GALVEZ.

3. GOM CAN BE EXPECTED TO PRESENT PAPER ON THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN CREATING JOBS, THEREBY RELIEVING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PRESSURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT. FOREXAMPLE, GOM SECRETARIAT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS FOR THREE YEARS SUPPORTED LABOR INTENSIVE ROAD BUILDING METHODS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. GOM HAS PREPARED BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED A PAPER CALLED, "THIRTY YEARS OF MEXICAN EMPLOYMENT," WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT U.S. DEPT OF LABOR FALL 1975 INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER SEMINAR BY LIC. JUAN CASILLOS OF GOM SECRETARIAT OF LABOR. LIC. CASILLOS IS ATTENDING MANPOWER SEMINAR AS FULLY-PAID PARTICIPANT OF THE GOM. INFORMATION IN THIS PAPER MAY ALSO BE PRESENTED AT MIN LAB MEETING IN GUATEMALA.

4. GOM CAN ALSO BE EXPECTED TO PRESENT A DOCUMENT ON THE HUMAN AND LEGAL LABOR RIGHTS OF MIGRANT LABOR WORKING ABROAD. THE MEXICANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE REFERENCE TO MIGRANT FARM LABOR THAT CROSSES THEIR GUATEMALAN BORDER EACH YEAR TO WORK IN THE SOUTHERN STATE OF CHIAPAS BUT THEY ARE IN REALITY MORE CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF MEXICAN MIGRANT WORKERS ILLEGALLY IN THE UNITED STATES. THEY WILL BE SEEKING SUPPORT AND MAY PRESENT A PAPER OR A RESOLUTION DEMANDING JUST AND HUMANE TREATMENT FOR FOREIGN MIGRANT LABOR RESIDING IN ANY COUNTRY, LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY. THEY WILL PROBABLY ALSO CALL FOR "LABOR" RIGHTS FOR SUCH WORKERS, REGARDLESS OF LEGAL OR ILLEGAL STATUS. THE EMPHASIS IN THE GOM POSITION PAPER OR RESOLUTION MAY BE THE ALLEGED UNJUST TREATMENT OF MEXICAN WORKERS IN THE U.S., DOWNPLAYING THE ADVERSE IMPACT UPON THE U.S. OF THE MILLIONS OF MEXICANS ILLEGALLY LIVING AND WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT THOROUGHLY BRIEF THE U.S. DELEGATION ON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ISSUE BEFORE THE SUBJECT MEETING.

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